

Luke 9:62



No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.

*Third Sunday
after Pentecost*

June 26, 2022

9:30 a.m.

Praise

“Living God’s Love”

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

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GATHERING

** Please stand as you are able.*

Welcome and Announcements

Good News Moment

Corey Neururer

Prelude

*Gathering Song

Build Your Kingdom Here

*Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

*Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

WORD

First Reading

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

¹⁵Then the LORD said to Elijah, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

¹⁹So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" ²¹He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 16

¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

²**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

³But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.**

⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

⁶**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.

⁸**I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰**For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

¹¹You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures
forevermore.

Second Reading

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

¹For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel

Luke 9:51-62

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵¹When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶²Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

Hymn of the Day:

Worthy, Worthy

*Prayers of Intercession

D: United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

A brief silence.

D: God of faithfulness, set the face of your church firmly on you. Rooted in your self-giving love, may the church find freedom in loving our neighbors. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

D: God of gentleness, strengthen the earth's ability to heal. Where there are dangerous storms, bring calm. Where there are destructive fires, bring rain. Protect homes, habitats, and livelihoods threatened by climate disasters. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

D: God of peace, guide all who govern, that they place the good of their citizens above self-promotion. Anoint leaders of nations with your Spirit of neighborly love. Protect refugees and all who live under tyranny or conflict. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

D: God of kindness, reveal your healing presence to all who are sick or dying especially the Family of Esther Svoboda, Gary Chmielewski, Steve Hulvey, Lennie Davis, Jim Apana, Ken Strebelow, Jim Minor, Justin, Steve Combs, Jim Frame, John Siebert, and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. Uphold those who grieve. Support the needs of any who are unemployed, hungry, or have nowhere to lay their heads. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

D: God of love, attend to those struggling with addiction, depression, or uncontrolled anger. Provide support systems and loving companions as they work toward health, that they may rest in hope and know the fullness of joy in your presence. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

D: God of joy, we give thanks for all who have died and now celebrate the inheritance of life in you. Keep their examples of faithfulness always before us, that we trust your promises in life and in death. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

D: God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

C: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offertory

Offering

***Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

***Eucharistic Prayer**

***Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,**

thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Communion Solo

Come to the Table

Heather Rohde

***Table Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

P: Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

SENDING

***Blessing**

P: The God of peace, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

C: Amen.

***Sending Song:**

All Things are Possible

***Dismissal:**

D: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Postlude**

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PRAYERS

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in thankfulness for their daughter Caroline's birthday, June 30, by Jill and Bill Heck.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration of Kristin Weight's and Beth's birthdays by Beth and Scott Johnson.

Prayers for Healing: The Family of Esther Svoboda, Gary Chmielewski, Steve Hulvey, Lennie Davis, Jim Apana, Ken Strebelow, Jim Minor, Justin, Steve Combs, Jim Frame, and John Siebert.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Today, Third Sunday after Pentecost, we worship in person and via livestream at 9:30 a.m. with *Praise* liturgy and communion.

Thank You to Cindy Piovarchy, our guest accompanist for worship this morning.

Vacation Bible School - Today is the last day for the collection of items needed for our VBS service project - Blessing Bags for Operation HOMES.

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| Bottles of Water | Toothpaste | Toothbrush | Water Flavor |
| Packs | Mints | Gum | Travel Tissues |
| Chapstick | Individual Snacks | Gallon Size Baggies | |

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29 AT ST. MATTHEW

Wednesday we will worship in person at 7:00 p.m. with VBS Sing and communion.

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 3 AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, we will worship in person and via livestream at 9:30 a.m. with *Now the Feast* liturgy and communion.

Office Closed - July 4 - Independence Day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Steve's Contact Information - Pastor Steve can be reached by email at pastorsteve@stmatthewmedina.org or by cell phone at 740-525-6149.

New Member Class - A new member class will be forming soon. Please contact Pastor Steve if you are interested in becoming a member of St. Matthew.

Brenda Disbrow, Parish Nurse, is on vacation June 19-27. Please leave any messages with Deb at the church office: (330) 725-8885.

Renovation Design Survey - The purpose of the survey is to assess the effectiveness in which our building is helping us meet the goals of our congregation's Strategic Plan, developed and approved on June 5, 2020. To access the survey, please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5JYY9GN> or you can find the link in the weekly Shout-Outs. The survey will take approximately 15 minutes. **Survey Deadline: June 27!**

Nursery Subs - If you are willing to serve as a substitute in our nursery on Sunday mornings, please contact Barb Woodard at barbwoodard.bw@gmail.com or 330-321-2408.

Block Party Committee and Volunteers – Our 2nd annual Block Party will be held August 27 from 4-7. We could use volunteers who would be willing to help plan the day. Our next meeting is June 28 at 6:00pm. We will also need volunteers the day of the party. If you can help, please contact Melody at 330-461-1149 or costellofamily@zoominternet.net to express your interest.

4th of July Parade - St. Matthew will be participating in this year's 4th of July parade! There are various needs to make this spectacular and to show off our amazing congregation. If you are able to participate in the parade, sign up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A45AFAE2CABFF2-medina> (for marketing, throw candy, must walk and not from the float, etc.) A release form is required to be completed by June 30th. Copies are in the narthex or visit the city of Medina website under "Medina News" <https://medinaoh.org/news/2021/05/12/july-4th-parade>. We also need items, such as candy, to throw. If you are able to contribute, an Amazon Wish List has been created. https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3T44KTBADXHBR?ref=wl_share. We need everything ordered by June 30.

NEW! Book Club & Movie - Small Groups is beginning a quarterly book club. Our first book will be *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. Read the book at your leisure. On July 21, we will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Hickory Ridge Cinema in Brunswick to watch the movie. After the movie, we will go to Wingz (next door to cinema) to discuss the book and movie. Cost will be \$5 per person, as we are renting a theater for our own private screening. Please sign up on the poster in the narthex or online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094ca8ac22abfc1-book>. If you don't read the book, feel free to still come to the movie.

Bike Ride - We had so much fun biking, we're doing it again! Mark your calendar for July 31. We will meet at Lakewood Park parking lot at 11:30 a.m., where Pastor Steve will bless us and our bikes. We will check out the Solstice Steps there, ride to Edgewater park, then to Whiskey Island, Wendy Park, and the flats. On the way back, we will stop at Whiskey Island Still and Eatery right on the lake for lunch and some entertainment. There is a band that day from 2 to 6. If you would like to join us for this ride, please sign up so we know to expect you. Sign up in the narthex or <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094CA8AC22ABFC1-bike1>. Total ride is about 12 miles. *Individuals/families are responsible for their own lunch.

Electronic Giving – To set up an online giving account or to make changes to your online giving, scan the QR code to the left or go to stmatthewmedina.org, click on the Give tab, scroll down to “*How Can I Give?*” and click on Give Here. If you already have an account, log in. You can then update any of your information (contact information, giving amount, and which funds you support). If you wish to *begin* donating electronically, click on Sign Up. You will fill each field as you are prompted to set up your account.

If you have questions about your account or setting up your account, contact our Financial Director, John Baker at 330-607-0667 or financedir@stmatthewmedina.org.

Lutheran House at Chautauqua - You are invited to visit with Pastor Bill and Sue Diehm at Lutheran House at Chautauqua Institution Themed Week - August 6-13. Pastor Bill will be chaplain and will be leading service at the house on Sunday, August 7 at 9:30 and again Vespers Thursday evening at 7:00. Chautauqua is about 2.5 miles from Medina and the grounds are free on Sundays. For more information on staying at the house (\$75 a night), contact lutheranhost@gmail.com or contact June Trenty at 330-421-7567 or rtrenty@gmail.com, for information about Chautauqua. June will be co-hostess at the house for seven weeks this summer.

| WORSHIP SERVANTS | | | |
|---------------------------------|--|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Date | Sunday June 26 | Wednesday June 29 | Sunday July 3 |
| Service | 9:30 a.m. | 7:00 p.m. | 9:30 a.m. |
| Acolyte | Addy Shook | | Lucas Hogan |
| Reader | Delores Ivan | | Adam Scheid |
| Ushers | Bruce Reed Todd Costello Melody Costello | | |
| Communion Assistants | Nancy McNeal Cindy Rickly | | |
| Sound | Joe Obermeier/ Larry Mohler | -- | Joe Obermeier/ Larry Mohler |
| Video | Brian Harris | -- | Owen Blakslee |
| Altar Guild | Sandy & Gary Kelling | | |

**Finance Report for May and Year-to-Date
St. Matthew Lutheran Church**

St. Matthew had the following revenue
and expenses for May.

| | Month of May 2022 | Year-to-Date May 2022 |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Total Revenue | \$ 30,636.29 | \$ 147,764.25 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 33,543.21 | \$ 139,440.27 |
| Net Operating Revenue | \$ (2,906.92) | \$ 8,323.98 |
| Net Other | \$ 11.10 | \$ 55.50 |
| Net Revenue | <u>\$ (2,895.82)</u> | <u>\$ 8,379.48</u> |

Save the Date!

Pastoral Installation for Steve Mahaffey



August 21, 2022

at 4:0 p.m.

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church
400 N. Broadway St., Medina, Ohio 44256

Additional detail will be provided closer to the date.

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff

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| The Rev. Steven Mahaffey | Pastor |
| Deacon Lindsay Bailey | Director of LGL Ministries |
| John Burke | Organist |
| Deb Musil | Office Administrator |
| Joyce Davis | Custodian |
| Brenda Disbrow | Parish Nurse |
| Nancy McNeal | Luther Choir Director |
| Kaitlyn Taraschke | Nursery Attendant |

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Friday 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM



Hearing Loop
System available.